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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jun-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/05/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/29/04
BRO-FRY	150,865	162,401
LT HENS	1,150	1,480
HVY HENS	1,314	1,456

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 29-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	169	8	177
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	334	8	342
SAME WEEK YR AGO	58	0	58
TO-DATE/2004	5,022	69	5,091
TO-DATE/2003	5,364	64	5,428

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,572	1,390	2,962
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,806	1,373	3,179
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,427	1,217	2,644
TO-DATE/2004	32,692	26,989	59,681
TO-DATE/2003	40,873	27,990	68,863

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 29-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,220	1,403	1,382	2,785
AVG WT	5.25	3.41	8.01	5.69
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837
SAME WK YR AGO	141,722	1,369	1,217	2,586
AVG WT	5.16	3.70	8.03	5.74
TO-DATE/2004	3,247,678	27,670	26,920	54,590
TO-DATE/2003	3,182,786	35,509	27,926	63,435

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.2 million head or 0.9 which was 101% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-May-2004

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,793	18,741	47,778
Avg Weight	3.60	4.75	6.30
% of total /1	29%	20%	51%
Last week	26,923	20,134	49,612
Avg Weight	3.64	4.68	6.33
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,164	29,097	50,271
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.16
% of total /1	25%	27%	47%
To date/2004	527,604	434,581	904,722
To date/2003	499,535	473,466	889,720

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-May-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,768	2,609	43	9	4,429
AVG WT	15.61	37.13	25.05	31.79	28.41
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
SAME WK YR AGO	1,702	2,254	56	9	4,021
AVG WT	15.95	36.60	25.67	33.17	27.70
TO-DATE/2004	36,134	52,252	919	150	89,455
TO-DATE/2003	37,705	56,974	1,318	310	96,307

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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